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SUBJECT: KREISKY ON RECENT KRESIKY-TITO MEETING IN YUGOSLAVIA

REFS: A) VIENNA 10728 OF 1975; B) BELGRADE 0053; C) VIENNA 0546

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING ON JANUARY 27, CHANCELLOR KREISKY GAVE ME BRIEF RUNDOWN ON HIS MEETING WITH TITO IN SLOVENIA ON DECEMBER 28. ONLY ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF SIGNIFIANCE BEYOND MATERIAL REPORTED REFTELS WAS KREISKY'S PLAY BACK OF TITO'S VIEWS ON YUGOSLAV DOMESTIC SECURITY SITUATION AND ON SLOVENIAN MINORITY ISSUE.

2. ON FIRST POINT, TITO REPORTEDLY VOICED STRONG DETERMINATION TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH ANY AND ALL EFFORTS TO MOVE YUGOSLAVIA AWAY FROM ITS CURRENT FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES AND TO PROMOTE IN ITS PLACE "DOGMATIC LINE" OR "SOME FORM OF STALINISM". TITO INDICATED YUGOSLAVIA'S STRONG VIEWS ON THIS MATTER HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO SOVIETS AND THAT CURRENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST "SMALL, UNIMPORTWNT ANTI-PARTY OR ANTI-STATE GROUPS IN YUGOSLAVIA" IS ALSOMFOR BENEFIT OF SOVIETS IN ADDITION TO SENSITIZING YUGOSLAV POPULATION TO CURRENT INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION.

3. ON SLOVENE MINORITY ISSUE, KREISKY STATED TITO IS NOT AT ALL INTERESTED PERSONALLY IN QUESTION BUT NEVERTHELESS CONSIDERS IT AN IRRITANT IN YUGOSLAV-AUSTRIAN
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RELATIONS AND A NUISANCE FOR HIM DOMESTICALLY IN

CONNECTION WITH YUGOSLAV'S OWN NATIONALITIES POLICY.
TITO REPORTEDLY THEREFORE EMPHASIZED NEED TO RESOLVE
ISSUE. KREISKY DID NOT VOLUNTEER HIS OWN CURRENT
THINKING ON ISSUE. BUCHANAN

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